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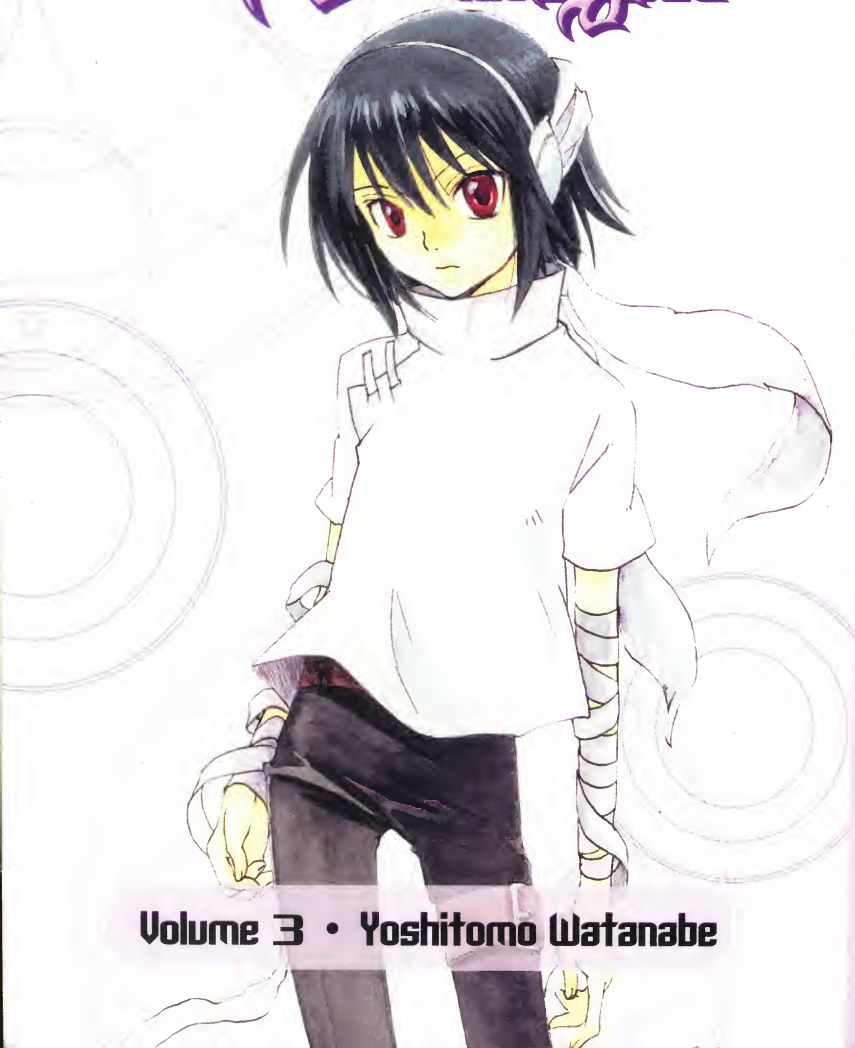

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Futaba, Kiara, Virid, and Belbel continue their journey to find Kiara's master. But should she be careful what she wishes for? On the way to Rouge, they encounter Virid's twin brother, who came to bring Virid back to Viridian. When Virid tells his brother that he has no intention of going back to his country, this brotherly feud is about to erupt into something much more nasty...

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Story So Far...

When Futaba suddenly finds himself ushered into a strange, new world, he meets up with Kiara the Amaranthine, who initially mistakes Futaba for her new master. Now Futaba is stuck in this extraordinary world--and his only hope for returning home is to find Kiara's true master! During their journey, they encounter a rabbit-like wizard named Lady Beibei, and Virid--the prince of Viridian. They're all aware that the Amaranthine can summon enormous power when joined with her master, but poor Futaba just hopes that this missing master can open the portal that will allow him to get back to his own world...

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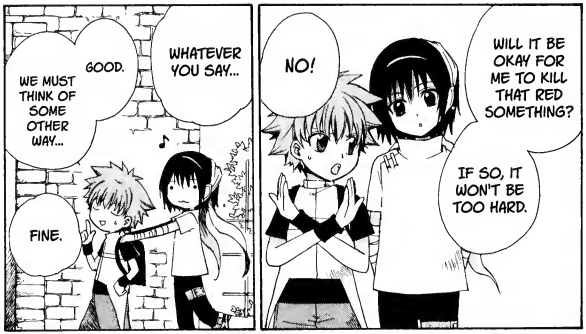
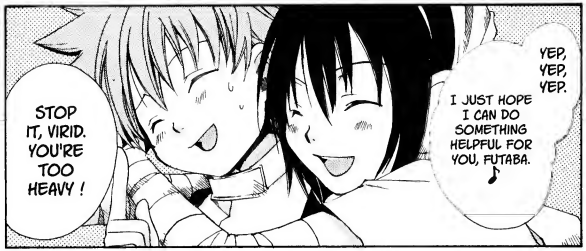
HEY...
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HE'D BETTER SHUT UP!
HOW IS YOUR BROTHER?
YOU MUST HAVE MIXED FEELINGS TO LEARN THAT... HE SURVIVED.
HE KILLED THE HIT MAN...
SUCH A FRIGHTENING MONSTER HE IS...
HE IS ALREADY SO WEAK FROM THE ATTACK... MAYBE IF WE JUST LEAVE HIM LOCKED AWAY HE'LL BECOME EVEN WEAKER... PERHAPS THEN...
ENOUGH!
NOBODY NEEDS TO TELL ME...
VIRID?
ARE YOU IN PAIN?
...THAT I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANY MORE.
BECAUSE THE OTHER VIRID IS THE CHOSEN ONE. NOT ME.

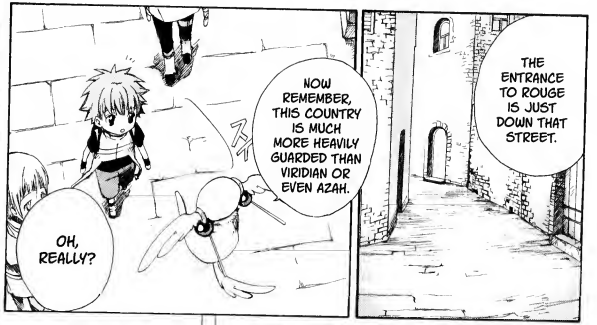
VIRID...
VIRID...
ARE YOU IN PAIN?
...
ARE YOU HURTING?

AREN'T YOU IN PAIN?
STOP BOTHERING ME!
VIRID...
WHY CAN'T HE LEAVE ME ALONE?
SOON I WILL BE FREE FROM THIS WORLD...
SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
VIRID...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IF ONLY HE WOULD KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT!


GOOD.
WHATEVER YOU SAY...
WE MUST THINK OF SOME OTHER WAY...
FINE.
NO!
WILL IT BE OKAY FOR ME TO KILL THAT RED SOMETHING?
IF SO, IT WON'T BE TOO HARD.


STOP IT, VIRID. YOU'RE TOO HEAVY !
YEP, YEP, YEP.
I JUST HOPE I CAN DO SOMETHING HELPFUL FOR YOU, FUTABA.

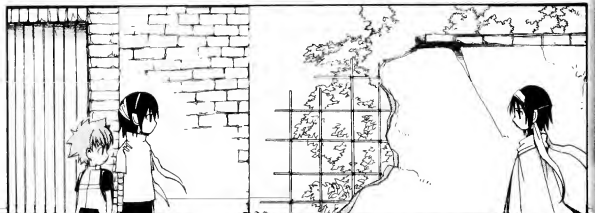
VIRID LOOKS... HAPPY.
HMM, I WONDER WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT
THOSE ARE HIS FRIENDS?


NOW REMEMBER, THIS COUNTRY IS MUCH MORE HEAVILY GUARDED THAN VIRIDIAN OR EVEN AZAH.
OH, REALLY?
THE ENTRANCE TO ROUGE IS JUST DOWN THAT STREET.

ROUGE'S CAPTAIN IS ESPECIALLY FORMIDABLE. THEY EVEN CALL HIM "RED THUNDER."
HE WILL RUTHLESSLY CUT DOWN ANYONE EVEN REMOTELY SUSPICIOUS.
FOR HE IS TRULY A COLD-BLOODED, HEARTLESS MAN.
GREAT. THIS ONE MIGHT PROVE A CHALLENGE EVEN FOR PRINCE VIRID.
YEP, "RED THUNDER!"
"RED THUNDER?"

YOU ARE SO LIKE TASUKE.
TASUKE?
YES! MY BROTHER! HE FALLS ALL OVER ME, TOO.

HUH?
...VIRID, IS SOMETHING WRONG?



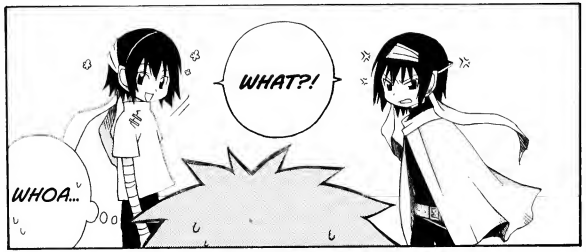
HE LOOKS VERY HAPPY.
ACTUALLY...
I HAVE NEVER EVER SEEN VIRID LOOK SO HAPPY BEFORE.
A VIRID THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!!
THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT THE VIRID I KNOW.
AND WHO IS THAT BOY?
WHO?

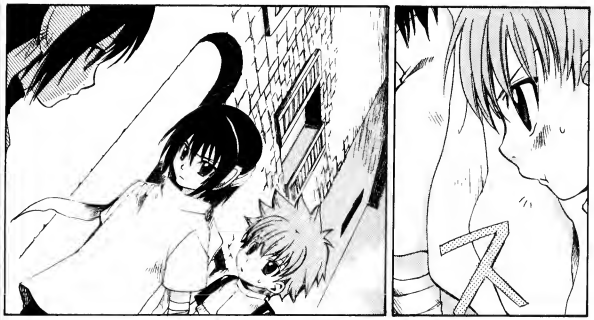
THEN YOU MUST BE...
VIRID'S BROTHER!
WOW, YOU SURE DO SEEM IDENTICAL TO HIM!
DON'T YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!
SHORTY!
THE TWIN PRINCES OF VIRIDIAN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "SHORTY?!"
ARRRGH!
IT MEANS SOMEONE SHORT, SHORTY !
HAH! I SEE YOU ARE NOT ONLY SHORT, BUT ALSO SLOW AS WELL!
DUH! I KNOW I AM SHORT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO POINT IT OUT!!

...
...VIRID...
OH MY GOODNESS!
WHAT?

AND I THINK YOU OWE FUTABA AN APOLOGY.
FUTABA HAS TAUGHT ME THAT ONE MUST APOLOGIZE WHENEVER ONE DOES SOMETHING CRUEL.
COME NOW.
I DID NOTHING WRONG.
I WAS MERELY BEING HONEST.
YOUR HONESTY OFFENDED FUTABA.

ERRR... UMMM...
VIRID?
I AM YOUR BROTHER.
WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE!


WHOA...
WHAT?!



APOLOGIZE.
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

WHAT...?
APOLOGIZE TO HIM.
YOU WERE QUITE RUDE TO FUTABA.

LOOK, IT'S FINE NOW. REALLY!
I AM NOT UPSET ANYMORE.
PLEASE QUIT FIGHTING.
IT'S COOL NOW. IT IS.
...
IF YOU SAY SO, FUTABA.
I DON'T...
...LIKE YOU.
WHAT?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT VIRID.
ONLY I TRULY UNDERSTAND VIRID.
ENOUGH! YOU APOLOGIZE TO FUTABA!

...
VIRID NEEDS NOBODY BUT ME!
WHY WOULD HE NEED SOMEBODY ELSE?
VIRID!!
SURELY THERE MUST BE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO.
NOW, YOU TWO HAVE JUST BEEN REUNITED AFTER MANY, MANY YEARS OF SEPARATION.
COOL IT! BOTH OF YOU!
WELL...
MEET US THERE ONCE YOU HAVE HAD YOUR LITTLE CHAT.
WE WILL BE AT THE TEA SHOP ACROSS FROM THE POST STATION RIGHT DOWN THE STREET.

WHETHER YOU CONTINUE ON WITH US OR DECIDE TO GO WITH YOUR BROTHER.
IT IS ALL UP TO YOU.
I--
COME ON.
LET'S GO.
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S-
SURE.
VIRID!

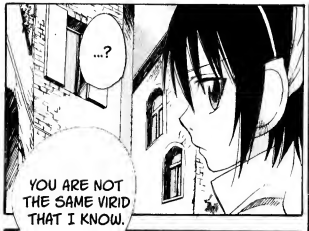
I'LL BE...
...WAITING FOR YOU!
...
OKAY!

I MUST NEVER RETURN THERE.
YOU GO INSTEAD AND SUCCEED TO THE CROWN.
THAT WAY, NO ONE WILL GET HURT.

I HAVE LEARNED MUCH FROM FUTABA.
NOBODY WANTS TO GET HURT.

...WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, VIRID?
THIS IS SO NOT LIKE YOU.

THE AMARAN-THINE...
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE MUST FIND THE AMARANTHINE...
WITH IT, WE CAN REMAIN TOGETHER FOREVER.


...?
YOU ARE NOT THE SAME VIRID THAT I KNOW.

HOW STRANGE!

...VIRID?
IS SOME-THING WRONG...
...WITH YOU?

VIRID...
COME BACK TO VIRIDIAN.

I AM NOT EVER GOING BACK TO VIRIDIAN.

NO.
YOU HAVE TO GO BACK BY YOURSELF.
LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER!

VIRID...
"I HAVE LITTLE NEED FOR TWO PRINCES!"
...I DON'T THINK SO.
MOTHER ONLY WANTS ONE VIRID.
DID YOU KNOW?
WHO KEPT SENDING THE HIT MEN AFTER ME?
WHO KEPT ME IN CHAINS?
I HAVE NO NEED FOR YOU.
WHO DROVE ME TO FALL INTO MADNESS?
WHO FORCED ME TO ENDURE THE PAIN?

NO! WE CAN'T DO THAT!
VIRID!
IT'S NOT OURS TO TAKE.
WHAT? YOU HAVE SEEN THE AMARANTHINE?
THE AMARANTHINE BELONGS ONLY TO ITS MASTER.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. SURELY MOTHER WILL MAKE THINGS WORK OUT FOR US ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
THEN SHE WILL GRANT OUR WISHES!
MOTHER COMMANDS THAT WE FIND THE AMARANTHINE AND BRING IT TO HER...

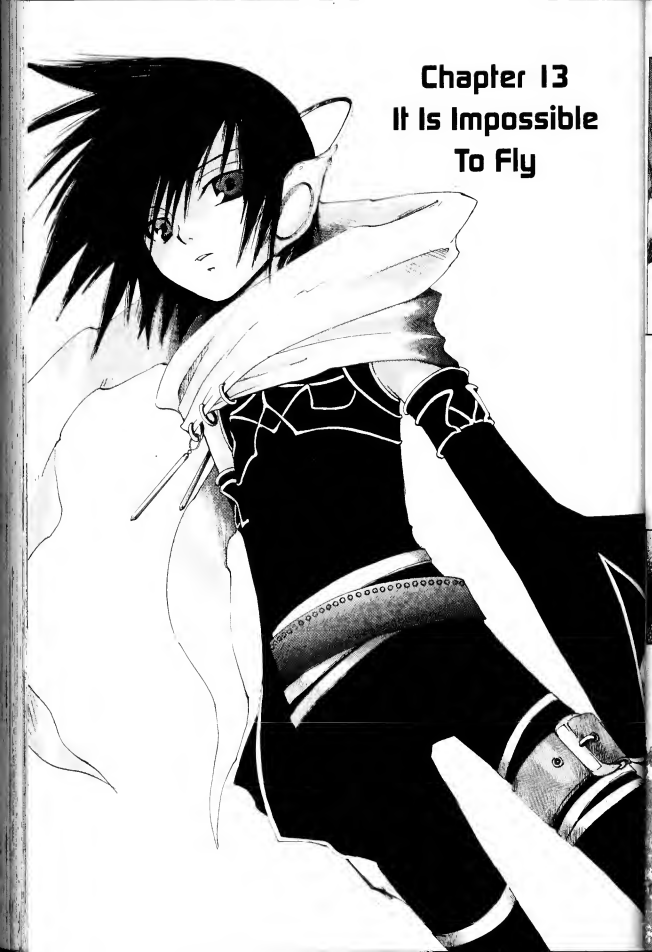
...
HUFF
VIRID!
HUFF
HEY!
WAIT, WAIT! I HAVE AN IDEA.
...?
THAT'S RIGHT... THERE IS ANOTHER WAY...

I HAVE THOUGHT OF A WAY FOR US TO LIVE TOGETHER.
COME ON!
PLEASE RETURN TO VIRIDIAN WITH ME.
TOGETHER WE CAN KILL THEM ALL.
EVEN MOM.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHY?
OKAY?
GRAB
OUCH!
L-L--
L-LET GO OF ME!
HE'S HURTING ME...
WHY?

NO ONE IS GOING TO HURT YOU NOW.
TRUST ME. I ALONE CAN HELP YOU, VIRID.
AH...

AND I AM GOING TO PROTECT YOU.
EVERY-THING WILL BE ALL RIGHT.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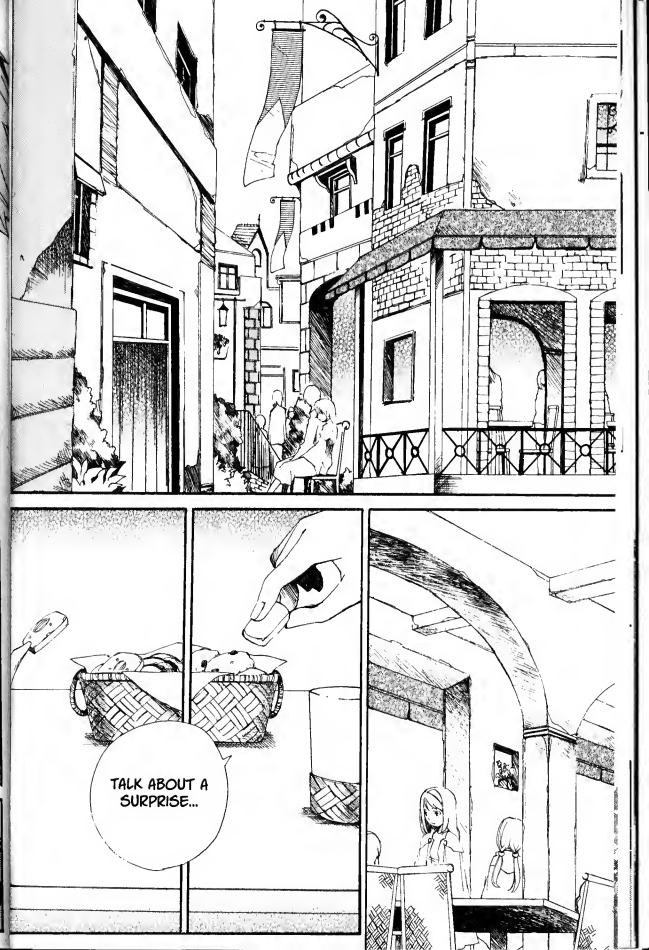
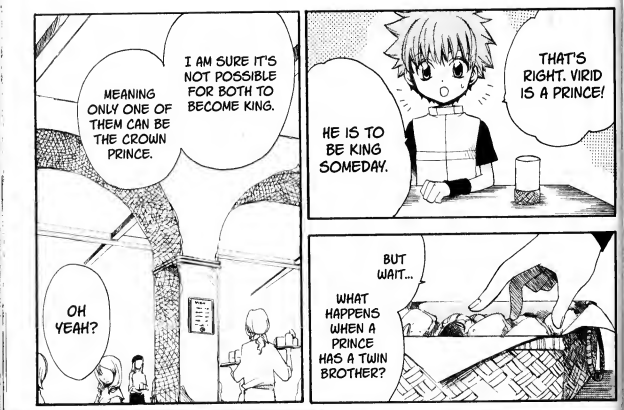
To Fly

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHO DESERVES TO DIE.
I AM THE ONE WHO WILL DIE AT AGE THIRTEEN...
AT LEAST... THAT IS WHAT I USED TO BELIEVE.
BUT...
--NO!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
LET ME GO!
I WANT TO...
...CONTINUE MY JOURNEY...
...WITH FUTABA.

SO THAT WAS VIRID'S OLDER TWIN!
THEY HAVE SUCH DIFFERENT CHARACTERS, THOUGH.
In fact, I should say their personalities are polar opposites.
TO ME IT SOUNDED LIKE...
...VIRID WAS SEEKING A CHANCE TO STEAL THE AMARANTHINE FROM US.
YEAH! I HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT THAT, TOO.
I WONDER WHY HE CAME HERE?
TO BRING VIRID BACK TO VIRIDIAN, PERHAPS?
MAYBE...
IT'S NOT SUCH A BAD THING IF THAT'S TRULY HIS ONLY PURPOSE.


TALK ABOUT A SURPRISE...


I AM SURE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR BOTH TO BECOME KING.
MEANING ONLY ONE OF THEM CAN BE THE CROWN PRINCE.
OH YEAH?
THAT'S RIGHT. VIRID IS A PRINCE!
HE IS TO BE KING SOMEDAY.
BUT WAIT...
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PRINCE HAS A TWIN BROTHER?

VIRID IS TURNING THIRTEEN SOON...

THE RUMOR ABOUT THE TWIN PRINCES IN VIRIDIAN.

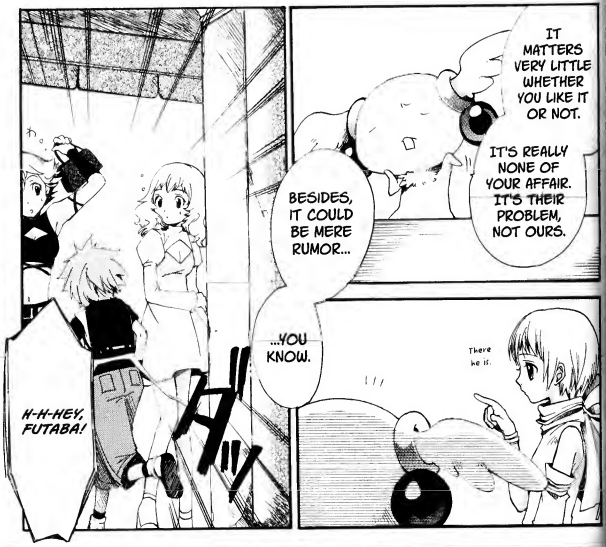
IF THE SUCCESSION LAW PEOPLE SPOKE OF IS TRUE...

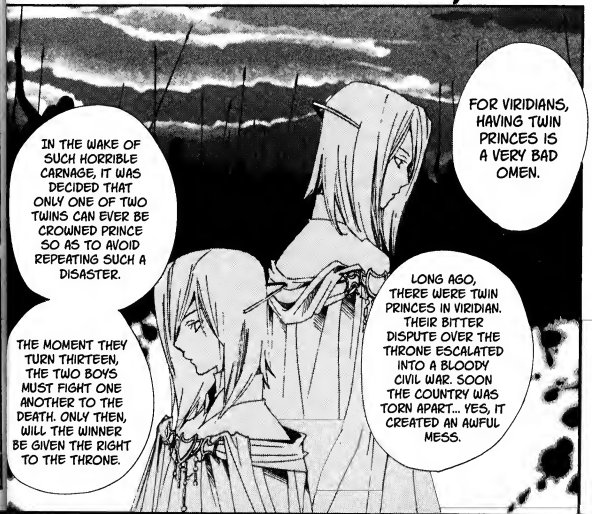
HIS BROTHER MAY HAVE COME TO CLAIM THE CROWN...

...OR SOMETHING.

I DON'T LIKE THAT!
UNTIL ONE OF THEM DIES?
THE TWIN BROTHERS MUST FIGHT EACH OTHER?

IT MIGHT ONLY BE A RUMOR.
Y-Y-Y-
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?


H-H-HEY, FUTABA!
BESIDES, IT COULD BE MERE RUMOR...
...YOU KNOW.
IT MATTERS VERY LITTLE WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.
IT'S REALLY NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR. IT'S THEIR PROBLEM, NOT OURS.
There he is.


FOR VIRIDIANS, HAVING TWIN PRINCES IS A VERY BAD OMEN.
LONG AGO, THERE WERE TWIN PRINCES IN VIRIDIAN. THEIR BITTER DISPUTE OVER THE THRONE ESCALATED INTO A BLOODY CIVIL WAR. SOON THE COUNTRY WAS TORN APART... YES, IT CREATED AN AWFUL MESS.
IN THE WAKE OF SUCH HORRIBLE CARNAGE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ONLY ONE OF TWO TWINS CAN EVER BE CROWNED PRINCE SO AS TO AVOID REPEATING SUCH A DISASTER.
THE MOMENT THEY TURN THIRTEEN, THE TWO BOYS MUST FIGHT ONE ANOTHER TO THE DEATH. ONLY THEN, WILL THE WINNER BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO THE THRONE.

...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK.
HEY!

WAIT UP, FUTABA!
EXCUSE ME, SIR. HERE IS THE CHECK.
OH DEAR! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT IT!
YOU WANT MONEY? TAKE IT, IT'S YOURS!
Sneer

I AM NOT GOING HOME.
TELL MOTHER THAT I HAVE DIED.
THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
SHE ALWAYS LOVED YOU MORE THAN ME ANYWAYS....
DO YOU THINK SO?

HOW? NO ONE CAN DISTINGUISH YOU FROM ME BUT US.
NO ONE CAN TELL WHO IS WHO.

BUT IT MATTERS LITTLE TO HER WHICH ONE OF US WILL BE THE KING.
EVEN SHE COULDN'T TELL US APART.
I WAS NOT CHOSEN FOR ANY SPECIAL REASONS.

SURE...I USED TO THINK...
...OUR MOTHER LOVED ME THE MOST...

I COULD HAVE JUST AS EASILY BEEN THE ONE LOCKED UP.

I NEED YOU...
ONLY YOU AND I KNOW WHICH ONE IS WHICH, AND YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO RECOGNIZES ME FOR ME.

NO ONE COULD REALLY TELL WHICH ONE OF US WAS BEHIND THE BARS.

VIRID?
LISTEN, I'VE FOUND MY WAY.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I CHOOSE MY OWN PATH.
FUTABA IS THE FIRST ONE TO TRULY TOUCH MY HEART.
I WILL FIGHT IN ORDER TO PROTECT FUTABA!
AND I AM GOING TO PROTECT WHAT FUTABA WANTS TO PROTECT, TOO!

I AM GOING TO CARE FOR YOU FOR EVER AND EVER.
DOESN'T THAT SOUND BEAUTIFUL?
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO REMAIN CONFINED FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE? FOR YOUR SAKE?
YEP... THAT'S RIGHT.
OWW!

VIRID!
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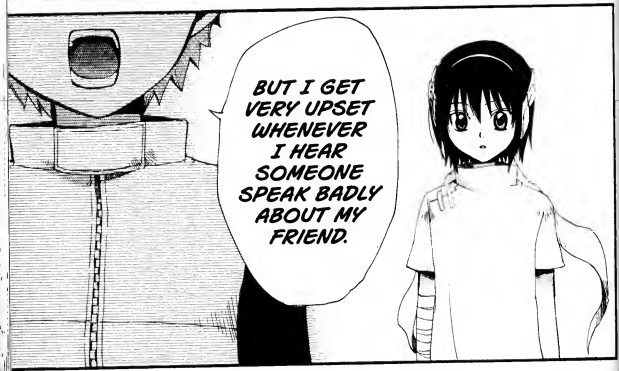
...GET IN MY WAY.
SO... DON'T...
...REALLY?
I TAKE IT...
...THAT MEANS...

EXCUSE ME...
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT YOU BEING A NUISANCE.
FUTABA...
FUTABA!
YOU WILL BE COMING HOME IF THIS FOOL DIES, RIGHT?
Grip
FUTABA!!
ARRRGH!

THIS IS NOT LIKE YOU, VIRID.
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO UPSET BEFORE.
IS THIS FILTH TRULY SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?
!
ARE YOU THAT AFRAID OF LOSING HIM?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU... AT ALL...
SURELY FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS KILLED SO MANY...
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR.
NO MATTER WHO IS GOING TO DIE...

YOU CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION...
OF COURSE I CAN'T!


BUT I GET VERY UPSET WHENEVER I HEAR SOMEONE SPEAK BADLY ABOUT MY FRIEND.

FUTABA, THAT WAS VERY CLOSE...
WHA?
HEY!

I'VE HAD...
...ENOUGH NONSENSE FROM YOU!

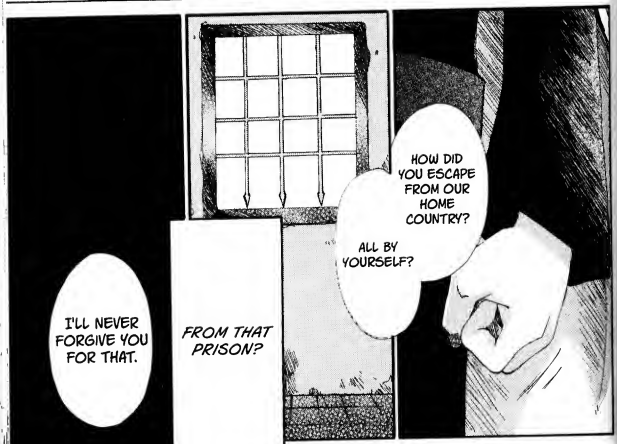
LET'S GO, VIRID.
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

--YES.

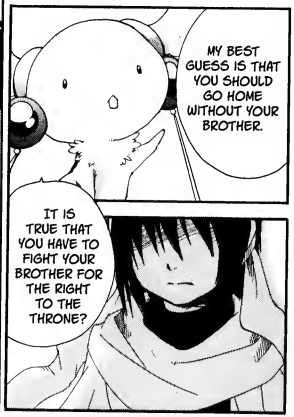
FUTABA! VIRID!
DON'T MAKE ME WASTE MY ENERGY.
OH.
SORRY, BELBEL.

.....
LISTEN.

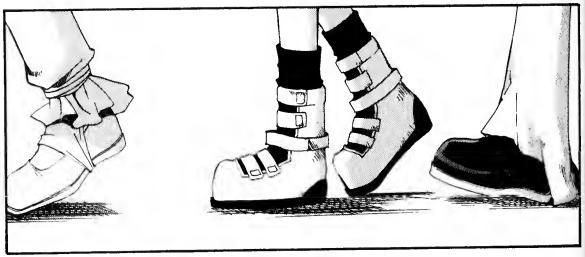
VIRID...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT!


I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT.
FROM THAT PRISON?
ALL BY YOURSELF?
HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM OUR HOME COUNTRY?

THINK ABOUT IT.
WELL, THEN IN ORDER TO AVOID HURTING ANYONE, YOU TWO SHOULD LIVE SEPARATE LIVES.


IT IS TRUE THAT YOU HAVE TO FIGHT YOUR BROTHER FOR THE RIGHT TO THE THRONE?
MY BEST GUESS IS THAT YOU SHOULD GO HOME WITHOUT YOUR BROTHER.

...HURTING ANYONE?
IN ORDER TO AVOID...



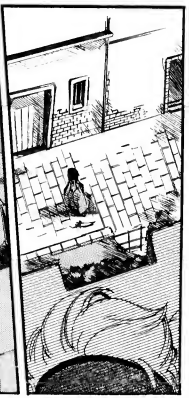
OH, IT GOT LOOSE?
FUTABA, CAN YOU FIX THIS?

WHAT?
HA HA HA!

YOU ARE SO ANNOY-ING!
WHAT? WHAT NOW?
HA HA!

THANKS!
I WILL FIX IT FOR YOU ONCE WE FIND A PLACE TO STAY FOR TONIGHT.

...ESCAPE BY YOURSELF!!
I WON'T LET YOU...



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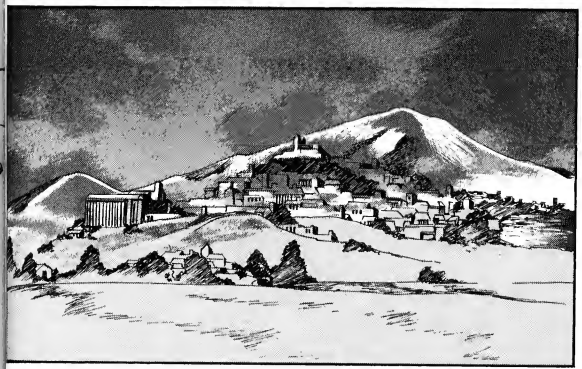
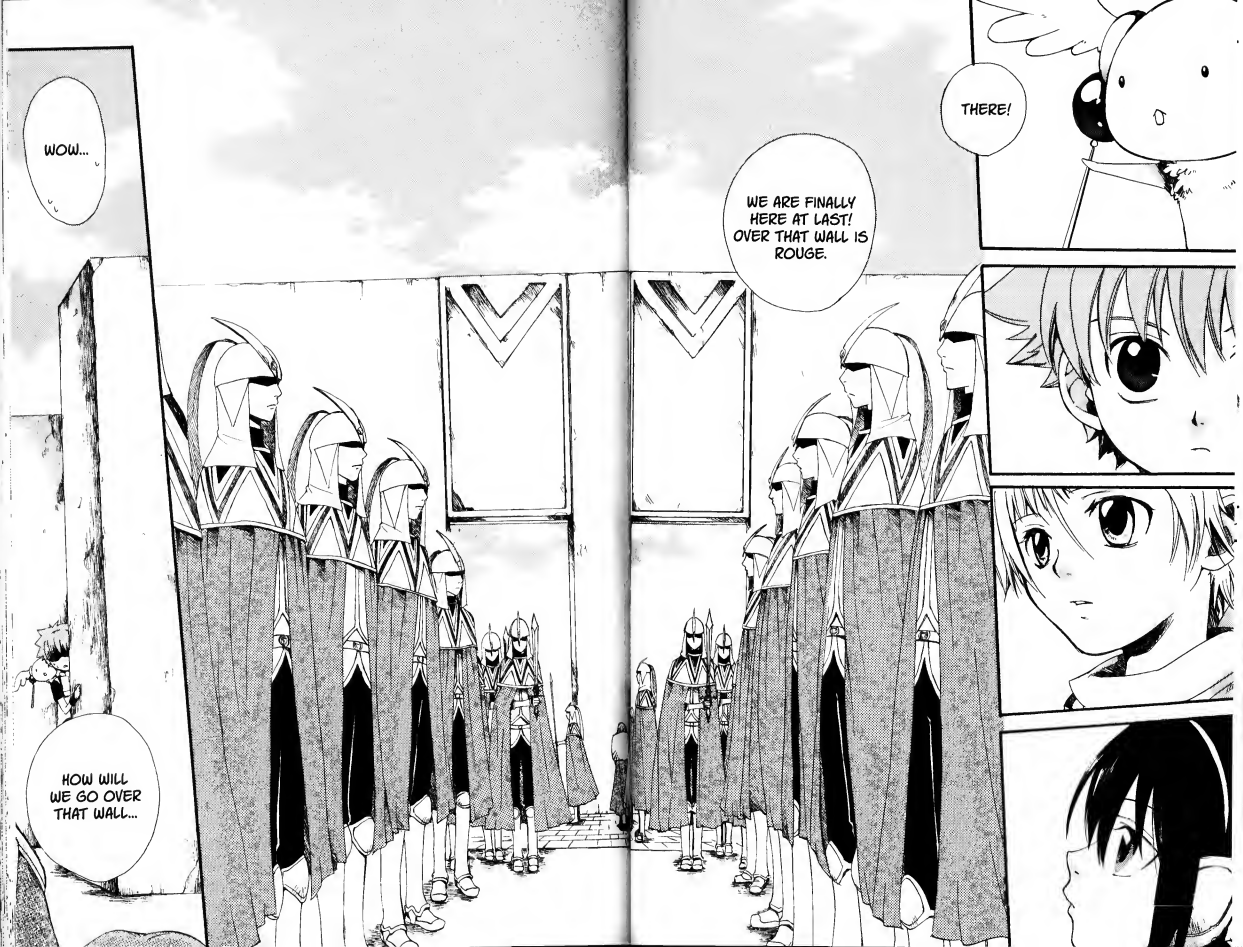
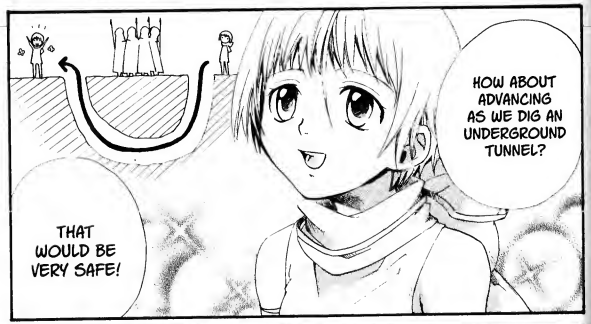



WOW...
HOW WILL WE GO OVER THAT WALL...
WE ARE FINALLY HERE AT LAST! OVER THAT WALL IS ROUGE.
THERE!

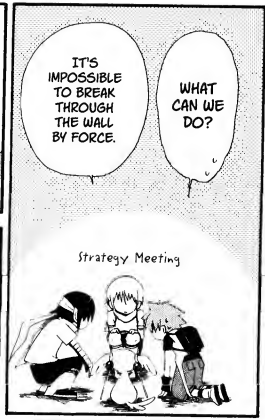
WHAT IS IT?
I HAVE AN IDEA.
AS TO HOW WE CAN GET OVER THE WALL.
SHE'S USING HER BRAIN FOR A CHANGE, HUH?
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, KIARA?

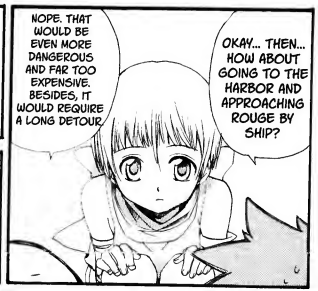

HOW ABOUT ADVANCING AS WE DIG AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL?
THAT WOULD BE VERY SAFE!

HE IS NO BETTER THAN SHE...
WHAT?
I have all sorts of great ideas!
I am so disappointed...
REJECTED!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...

WHAT? DO YOU THINK I CAN CARRY ALL OF YOU?
BELBEL, YOU CAN FLY OVER THE WALL!

REALLY? DANG. I THOUGHT IT WAS A GREAT IDEA...
I DOUBT IT. BESIDES, IF YOU TRY TO FLY OVER THE WALL, THE GUARDS WILL SIMPLY SHOOT YOU DOWN WITH THEIR BOWS AND ARROWS.


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE WALL BY FORCE.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
Strategy Meeting


NOPE. THAT WOULD BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS AND FAR TOO EXPENSIVE. BESIDES, IT WOULD REQUIRE A LONG DETOUR.
OKAY... THEN... HOW ABOUT GOING TO THE HARBOR AND APPROACHING ROUGE BY SHIP?

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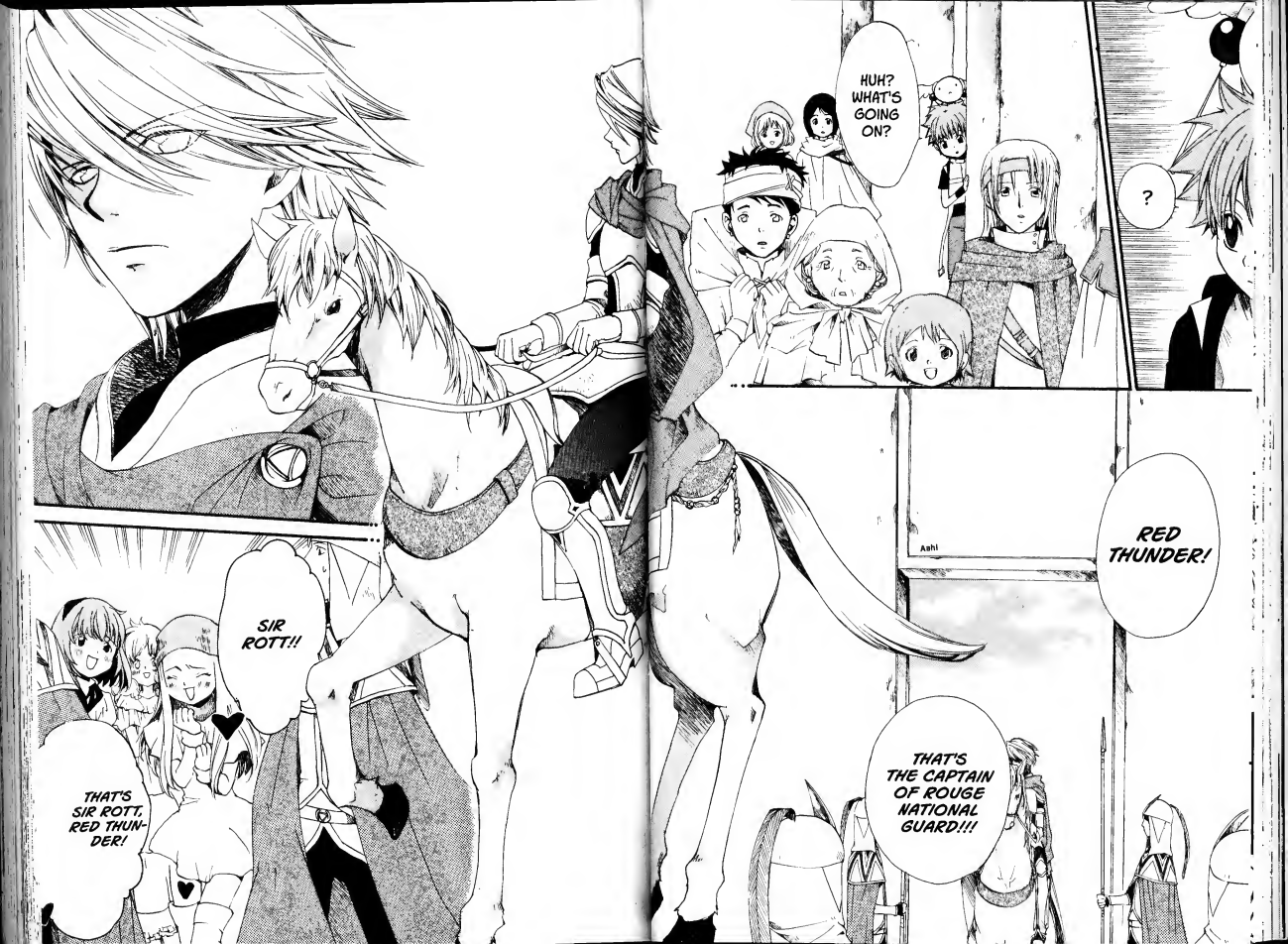
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HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
RED THUNDER!
THAT'S THE CAPTAIN OF ROUGE NATIONAL GUARD!!!
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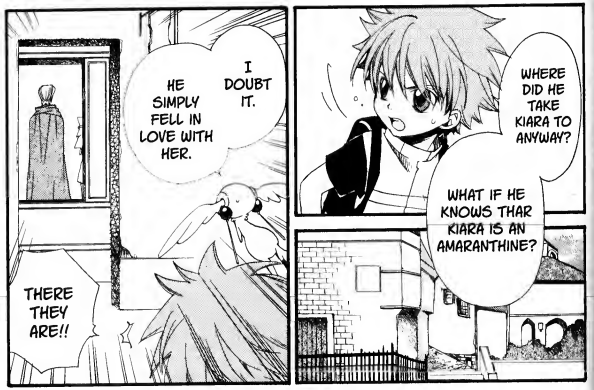
SIR ROTT!!
THAT'S SIR ROTT, RED THUNDER!

SIR ROTT.
CRAP!
HEY! WHO IS HIDING OVER THERE?
!!
THAT'S...
...RED THUNDER?!
HEY! DON'T LAUGH! THAT'S RUDE! BU-WA-HA-HA..
BU-WA-HA-HA!
It's so funny, it makes me spy!
Bu-wa-ha!!
THEY REALLY CALL HIM--
--RED THUNDER?

HE WOULD RUTHLESSLY CUT DOWN ANYONE EVEN REMOTELY SUSPICIOUS.
BEEP
IF YOU WILL NOT COME OUT, THEN I WILL COME IN TO YOU.
OH NO! OH NO! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
BEEP
IT'S ALL BECAUSE FUTABA LAUGHED AT HIM.
NO! BECAUSE YOU LAUGHED.
I BET WE LOOK AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS TO HIM.

KAREN. IT MEANS BEAUTIFUL.
Huh?
WHAT? WHAT DID HE SAY? KAREN?
BU-WA-HA-HA-HA!
HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE....!
YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL, SO KAREN...
...PRIN-CESS*?!
"MY...
HA-HA-HA!!!
CAN I PLEASE HAVE YOU NAME?
MY PRINCESS ...!
MY NAME IS KIARA.
WHAT?
WOULD YOU CARE TO DINE WITH ME TONIGHT?
FATE MEANT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.
MISS KIARA...


I DOUBT IT.
HE SIMPLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HER.
THERE THEY ARE!!
WHERE DID HE TAKE KIARA TO ANYWAY?
WHAT IF HE KNOWS THAR KIARA IS AN AMARANTHINE?

I AM SURE IT WILL LOOK LOVELY ON YOU.
LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE PUT IT ON.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, FUTABA!
WAIT! STOP! YOU CAN'T TAKE KIARA...!

YES, HE WILL BE DANCING TO HER TUNE FOR A WHILE I AM AFRAID.
HE WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE.

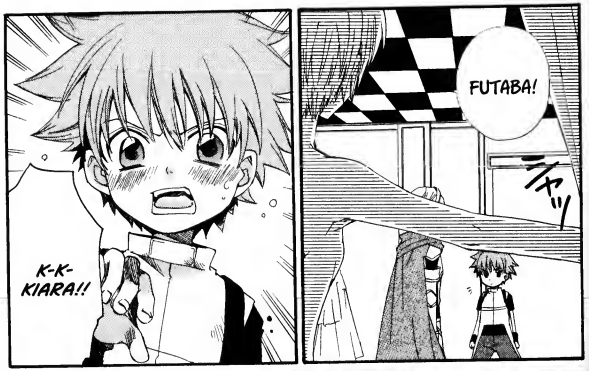
OH NO!
THE CAPTAIN AND HIS FOOLISH LOVE SICKNESS ONCE AGAIN...
This is so heart-breaking!
Sir Rolf !!!

MAY I PLEASE PASS HERE AS WELL?
I AM KIARA'S BROTHER.
I AM A HARMLESS TALKING RABBIT.
Paku
Paku

whisper
WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION.
WHY?

HA?
WHO ARE YOU?

SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DIG A TUNNEL ANYMORE?
WHAT IS RED THUNDER THINKING?
It was a breeze.
...THAT WAS EASY.
Whew...


K-K-KIARA!!
FUTABA!
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...ON.
...THIS...
HELP. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO PUT...
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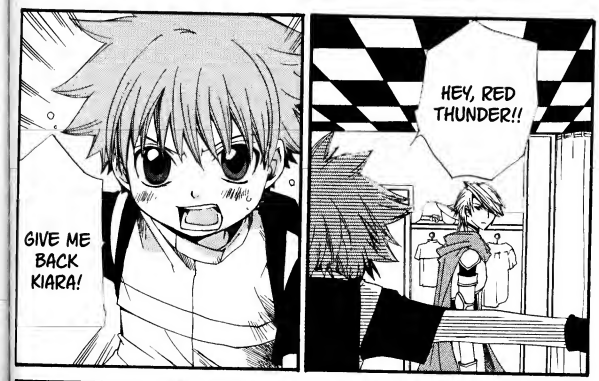
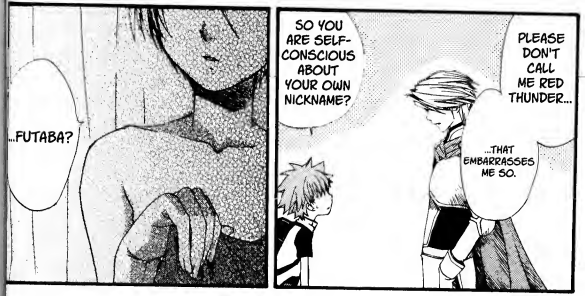
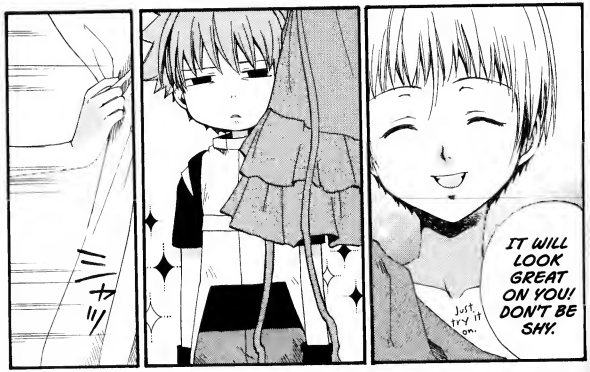
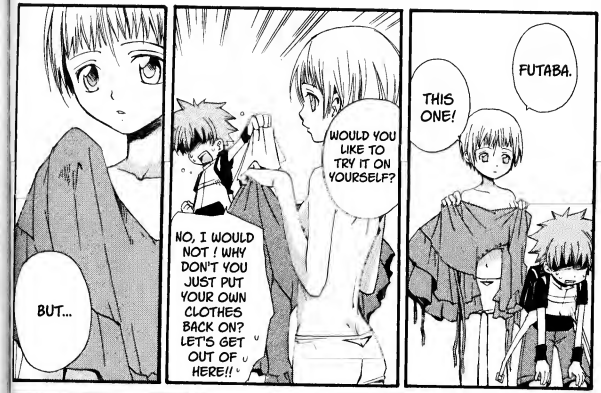
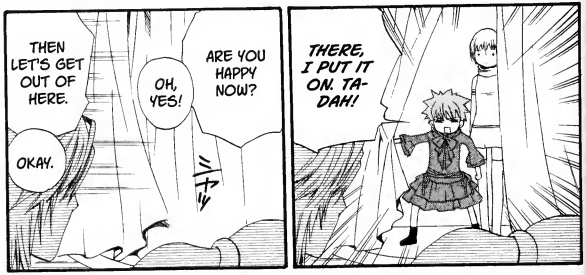

GIVE ME BACK KIARA!
HEY, RED THUNDER!!


...FUTABA?
SO YOU ARE SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT YOUR OWN NICKNAME?
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME RED THUNDER...
...THAT EMBARRASSES ME SO.

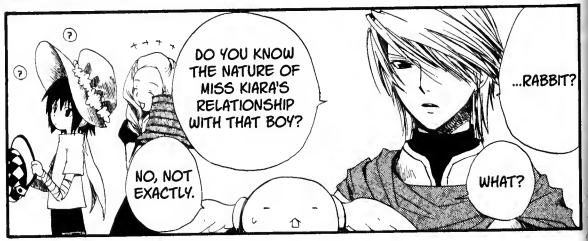

IT WILL LOOK GREAT ON YOU! DON'T BE SHY.
Just try it on.

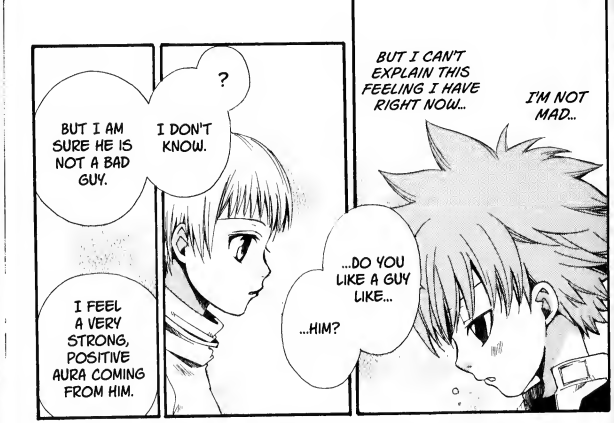

BUT...
NO, I WOULD NOT ! WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUT YOUR OWN CLOTHES BACK ON? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT ON YOURSELF?
THIS ONE!
FUTABA.


THERE, I PUT IT ON. TA-DAH!
OH, YES!
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
OKAY.

KIARA WANTS TO GET DRESSED UP SOME-TIMES?
SHE IS A GIRL AFTER ALL...

Perhaps...
...
THIS IS A VERY NICE GREEN DRESS...
WELL? DO YOU LIKE THE DRESS?
YES.


DO YOU KNOW THE NATURE OF MISS KIARA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT BOY?
NO, NOT EXACTLY.
...RABBIT?
WHAT?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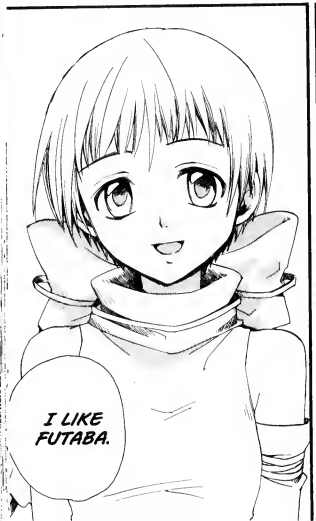
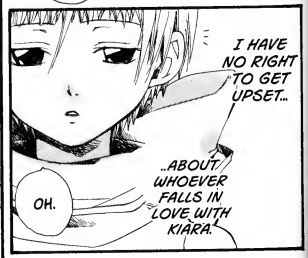
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I AM SURE HE IS NOT A BAD GUY.
I FEEL A VERY STRONG, POSITIVE AURA COMING FROM HIM.
BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN THIS FEELING I HAVE RIGHT NOW..
I'M NOT MAD..
...DO YOU LIKE A GUY LIKE...
...HIM?


I LIKE FUTABA.

ARE YOU UPSET, FUTABA?
NOT REALLY.
I SEE...


I HAVE NO RIGHT TO GET UPSET...
..ABOUT WHOEVER FALLS IN LOVE WITH KIARA.
OH.

DID I UPSET YOU?
HUH?
...
KIARA! YOU SHOULDN'T GO ANY-WHERE WITH A STRANGER.
ESPECIALLY MEN YOU DON'T KNOW!!
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER WAY OF DESCRIBING THEM.
...
THEY ARE JUST TRAVELING COMPANIONS.

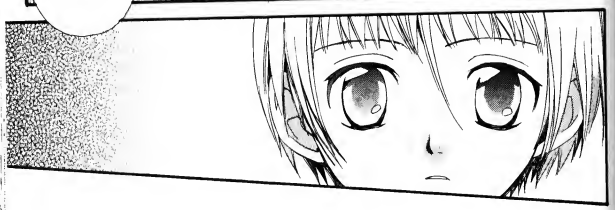
WH..?
AH...
I... I DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU WENT OFF WITH HIM.
I AM SORRY.
DID I MAKE YOU ANGRY?
FUTABA.

ARE YOU MAD?
NO.
UH, PLEASE FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID...
I AM KIND OF USED TO WEARING DRESSES. MY OLDER SISTER USED TO ALWAYS DRESS ME UP LIKE A LITTLE GIRL...
THE DRESS IS FINE!!
I MEAN THE DRESS...

GIVE UP ON KIARA.
MR. ROTT!
CALL ME ROTT.
MR. RED THUNDER!
YOU ARE QUITE THE MAN...
...I SEE
A MAN MUST PROTECT HIS LOVED ONES ALL THE WAY...
HUH?
SO LONG, LITTLE KNIGHT AND FLOWERY PRINCESS.
ELOPING WITH YOUR LOVED ONE AT SUCH A TENDER, YOUNG AGE...
LET'S GO.
?
FINE, THEN.
YES.
OH... REALLY?

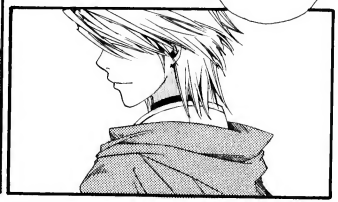
I AM AFRAID TO TELL YOU, BUT...
THE WHOLE TROOP... OUR BELOVED ROUGE NATIONAL GUARD...
...HAS BEEN EXTERM-INATED IN A BLINK OF AN EYE!
BY TWO YOUNG BOYS!

WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?
THAT ENTIRE SQUAD GOT WIPED OUT INSTANTLY?



SO LONG.

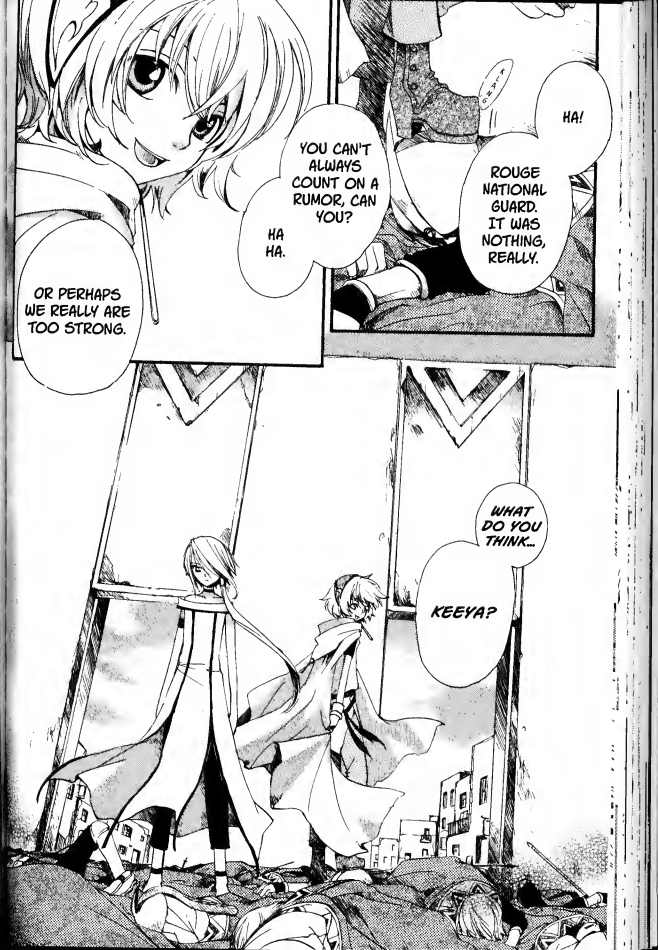
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME!



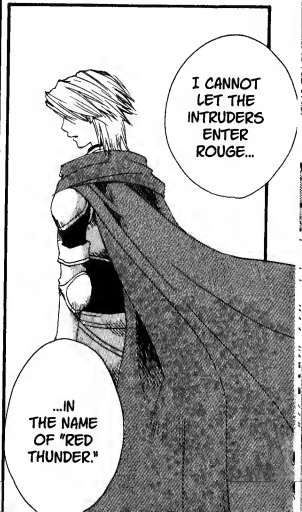
I WONDER IF HE IS REALLY STRONG...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

CAPTAIN!!
WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, SIR!

MY SOLDIERS ARE ALL DEAD..
CAPTAIN!
I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
WE SHOULD ALL RETREAT FOR NOW, THEN ASK THE MAIN UNIT TO SEND US REINFORCE-MENTS.
I THEN ASSIGN YOU TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE ACTION.
I WILL REMAIN HERE.


HA!
ROUGE NATIONAL GUARD. IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY.
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS COUNT ON A RUMOR, CAN YOU?
HA HA.
OR PERHAPS WE REALLY ARE TOO STRONG.
WHAT DO YOU THINK...
KEEYA?

Chapter 15
Wizard's Apprentice



...
LET'S GO! NOW!
THE LAST THING WE NEED IS MORE TROUBLE.
WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT MR. ROTT? HE'S ALL BY HIMSELF.
THE ENEMIES COULD BE AFTER THE AMARANTHINE.
...YOU ARE RIGHT.

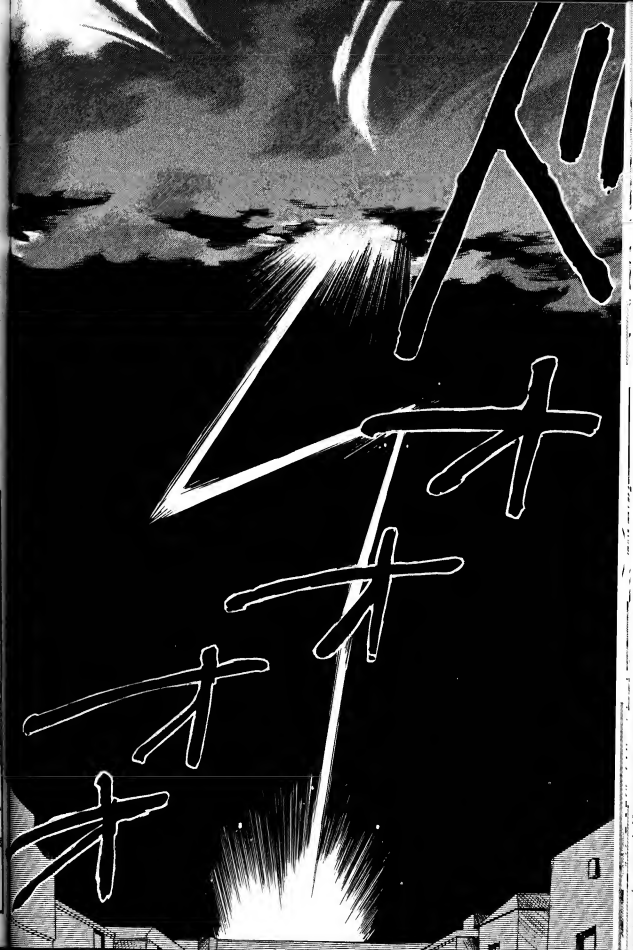
THERE IS A CROWD AT THE GATE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I WONDER IF MR ROTT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
HE WILL BE FINE... I HOPE.

LOOK!
OH!
A FLOWER?

I SMELL SOMETHING....
WHAT IS THIS...
WHAT?
SMELL...
I CAN SMELL A FLOWER.

RED...
...THUNDER?

WOW...
HE PROTECTS ALL OF US.
THAT'S OUR CAPTAIN'S LETHAL SPELL!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S RED THUNDER'S SWORD IN ACTION. IT CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING.



NOW!

THAT MR. ROTT IS SO IMPRESSIVE.

I CAN STILL SMELL IT.
BELBEL...
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE-- AND QUICK!
...COME ON!
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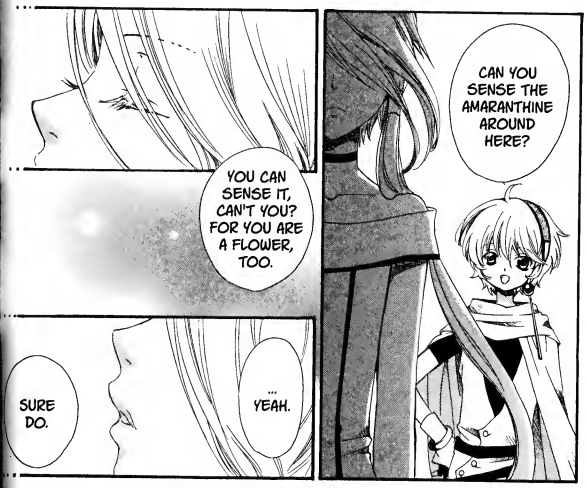
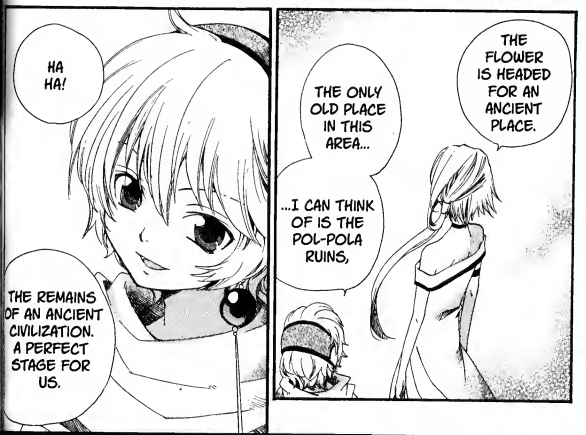
WHERE ARE WE?
THE POL-POLA RUINS...
LONG AGO, THIS IS WHERE THE FIRST AMARANTHINE WAS SUMMONED IN OLI-OOLU.


YOU CAN SENSE IT, CAN'T YOU? FOR YOU ARE A FLOWER, TOO.
... YEAH.
SURE DO.
CAN YOU SENSE THE AMARANTHINE AROUND HERE?


HA HA!
THE REMAINS OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION. A PERFECT STAGE FOR US.
THE ONLY OLD PLACE IN THIS AREA...
...I CAN THINK OF IS THE POL-POLA RUINS,
THE FLOWER IS HEADED FOR AN ANCIENT PLACE.

IT WAS ABOUT A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
SO KIARA IS THE FIRST AMARANTHINE TO COME HERE IN A THOUSAND YEARS.
WHAT?
THE AMARANTHINE IS AN EXTREMELY RARE FLOWER WHICH DOES NOT READILY BLOOM.
NOR IS IT EASY TO SUMMON.
TRUTH BE TOLD, IT IS A RATHER LEGENDARY FLOWER...
WE ARE ALL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE EVER SEEN ONE WITH OUR OWN EYES.
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT.
YEAH.
WE ARE SO LUCKY.
TO BE HONEST, I WAS NEVER EVER CERTAIN THE AMARANTHINE EVEN EXISTED.
TRUE...
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO EXIST, EITHER.
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR YOU, AMARANTHINE.
BECAUSE YOU NOW THAT YOU ARE ARE HERE, WE HAVE TO EXTERMINATE YOU.
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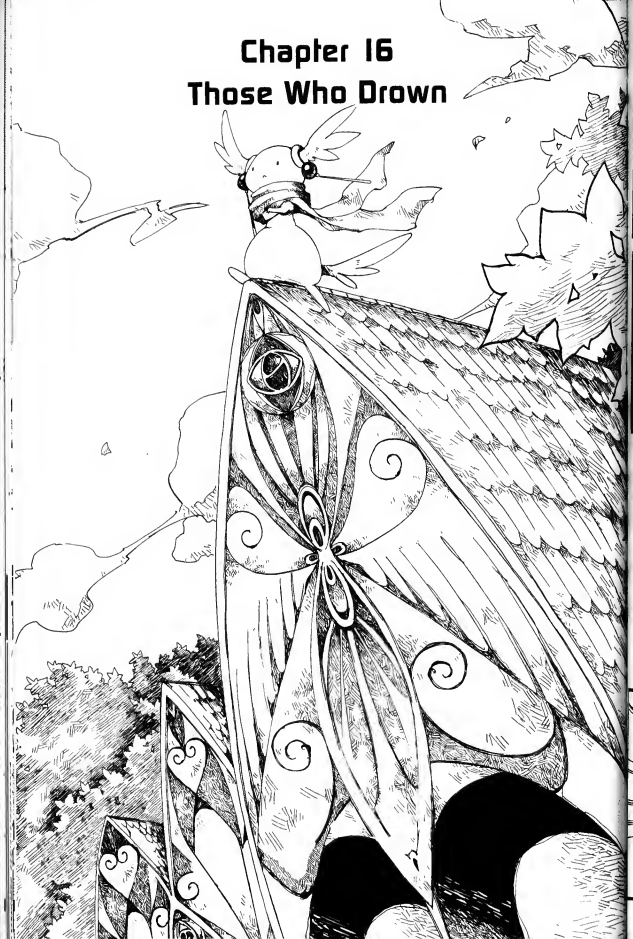
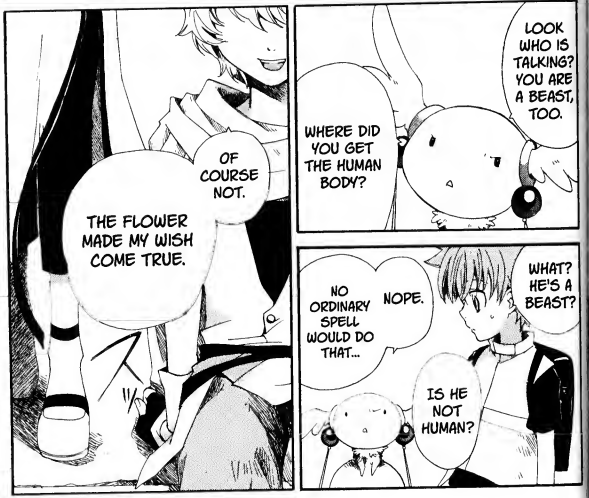
Chapter 16
Those Who Drown

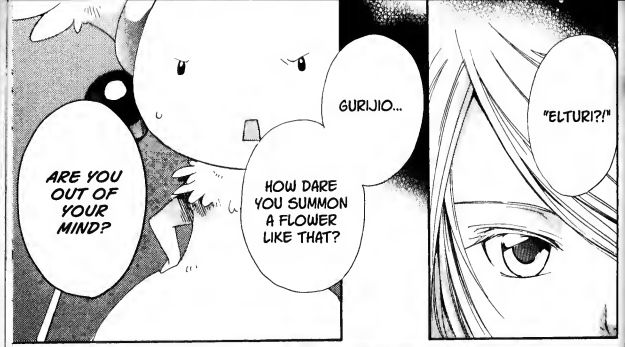


Ha ha
STILL, HE IS A GREAT WIZARD.
ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE WOULD AGREE...
THAT HE IS NOTHING BUT A MERE BEAST BY ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES.
STOP CALLING ME A BEAST!
YOU ARE THE RUDEST!!
YOU ARE SO RUDE.
YOU SHOULD NEVER JUDGE ANYBODY BY HOW THEY LOOK.
IT'S TRUE...
MY MASTER IS A BEAST...


OF COURSE NOT.
THE FLOWER MADE MY WISH COME TRUE.
WHERE DID YOU GET THE HUMAN BODY?
LOOK WHO IS TALKING? YOU ARE A BEAST, TOO.
NO ORDINARY SPELL WOULD DO THAT...
NOPE.
IS HE NOT HUMAN?
WHAT? HE'S A BEAST?

HE IS...
BELBEL'S APPRENTICE?!

WHAT? WHY NOT SPEAK OUT WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?
Beart Master?
Uh-huh?
Really?
I AM MORE SHOCKED TO KNOW BELBEL IS A MASTER.

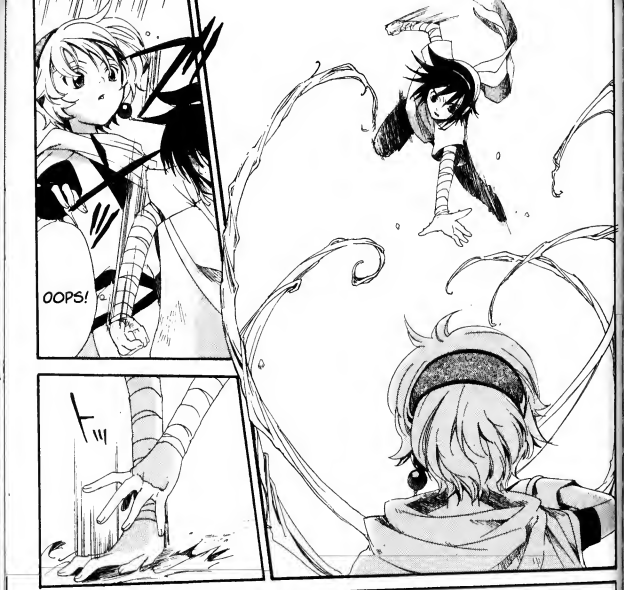

GURIJIO...
HOW DARE YOU SUMMON A FLOWER LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
"ELTURI?!"

I HAVE BUSINESS WITH THAT FLOWER OVER THERE.
!
CUT IT OUT! I AM NOT HERE TO LISTEN TO YOUR LECTURE!
MY MASTER...

SEE? I'VE GOT TO FINISH OFF THE AMARANTHINE.

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE HER TO YOU.
THE FLOWER THAT I SUCCESSFULLY SUMMONED..
HER NAME IS KEEYA.
...!
"ELTURI..."
!!

NEVER!
I WON'T LET YOU DO THAT!
YOU ARE STILL PRETTY SHARP, MASTER...
...
!!
WHOA!
FUTABA!


OOPS!

UGH!
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
!

VIRID!

FUTABA, ARE YOU OKAY?
OUCH...

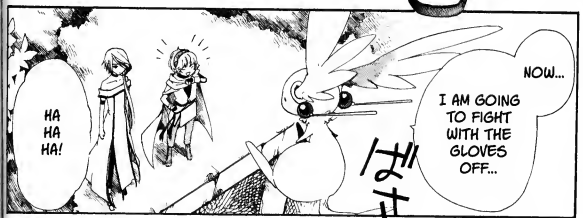
Tap
Tap
Tap

YOU ARE IN MY WAY!
VIRID!!
FUTABA! KIARA!
YOU TWO RUN ALONG AND HIDE INSIDE THE BUILDING.
UGH.

...UGH
I AM FINE.
BUT... WHAT ABOUT VIRID?
WHAT?
THAT GUY LOOKS VERY STRONG..
AND YOU, BELBEL?
I WILL BE FINE, TOO.
...OKAY.
I TRUST YOU.
COME ON, KIARA!
I AM HIS MASTER!
NO WAY WILL I EVER BE DEFEATED BY HIM.

I KNOW PRECISELY WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO END UP BY GOING INTO THAT BUILDING.
IN FACT, THEY WILL SOON ARRIVE RIGHT WHERE I WAS GOING TO DRIVE THEM INTO TO BEGIN WITH... THIS IS TOO PERFECT!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU SUCCESSFULLY HELPED THE AMARANTHINE ESCAPE FROM ME?

BUT INSTEAD YOU HAVE WASTED YOUR EFFORT.
YOU THINK YOU HAVE REALLY DONE YOUR HOMEWORK, HUH?
.....
YOU ARE AN IDIOT WHO ALWAYS DEMANDS THE MOON.
THE MASTER OF THIS LAND WILL BE ON HER SIDE, NOT YOURS.
THE SPECIAL PLACE WHERE THE VERY FIRST AMARANTHINE WAS SUMMONED.
WE ARE IN POL-POLA!


HA HA HA!
NOW... I AM GOING TO FIGHT WITH THE GLOVES OFF...

YOU WILL NEVER KILL KIARA!
BECAUSE I AM ABOUT TO BEAT YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW!!
...I KEEP TELLING YOU THAT IT IS BEYOND IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.
PERHAPS IT IS SIMPLY TOO HARD FOR YOU TO ACCURATELY COMPREHEND THIS SITUATION.
GURIJIO...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING.
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?
HAH!
TRY IT!

MY MASTER!
YOU SHOULD STOP UNDERESTIMATING ME...
HOW ABOUT YOU, MASTER?
YOU ARE NOT THE MASTER OF THAT AMARANTHINE, ARE YOU?
ALTHOUGH INFERIOR TO THE AMARANTHINE, KEEYA IS WITH ME.
ALL SHE HAS ON HER SIDE IS A SCRAWNY HUMAN BOY, SOME PITIFUL PRINCE...
...AND ONE USELESS LITTLE BEAST.
IT WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME TO GET HER.
NO! SHE HASN'T MET HER MASTER YET, HAS SHE?
WITHOUT HER MASTER, SHE IS USELESS.

AFTER USING UP ALL ITS POWER, A FLOWER WILL SIMPLY FADE AND DIE.

WHAT?
IS HE REALLY GOING TO DIE FROM DROWNING?
SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

SO...
SOONER OR LATER THAT FLOWER CALLED KEEYA IS GOING TO DIE.

BUT HER MASTER IS GOING TO FADE AS WELL...
NOT ONLY THAT...

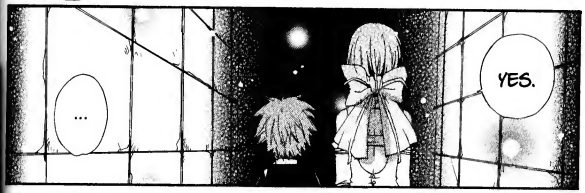
FOOL!
THE VERY NAME OF THE FLOWER YOU SUMMONED..
"ELTURI.."

...MEANS DROWNING...

NO.
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT "ELTURI" IS ALL ABOUT.

THE MASTER WILL DROWN IN THE POWER OF THE FLOWER.
THE TWO WILL THEN DIE TOGETHER.
THERE IS NOTHING...
...YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

HER MASTER IS ALSO...
GOING TO FADE...?
...WAIT.
DO YOU MEAN...
HE WILL DIE, TOO?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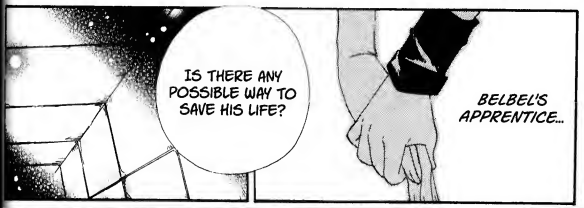
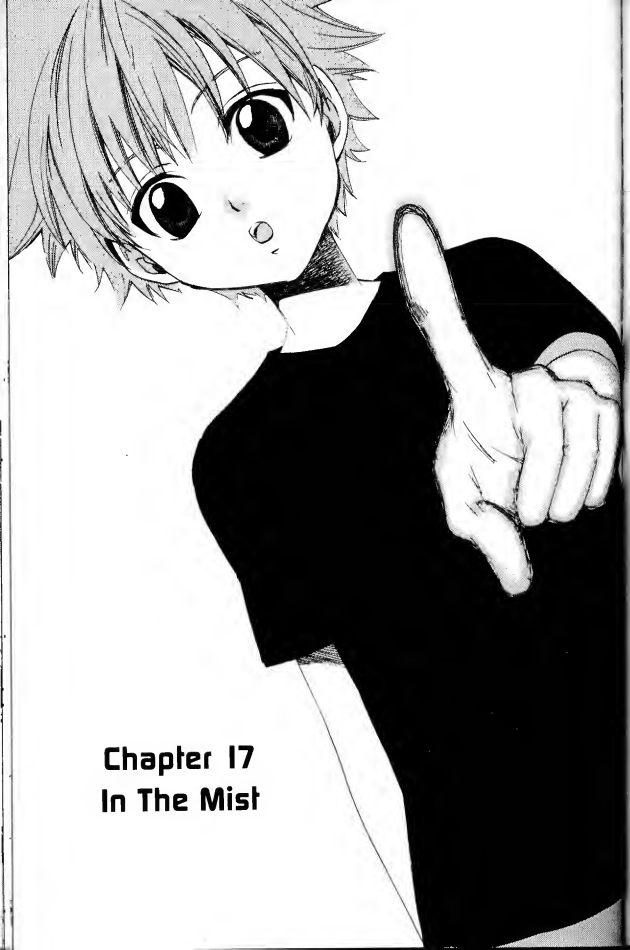
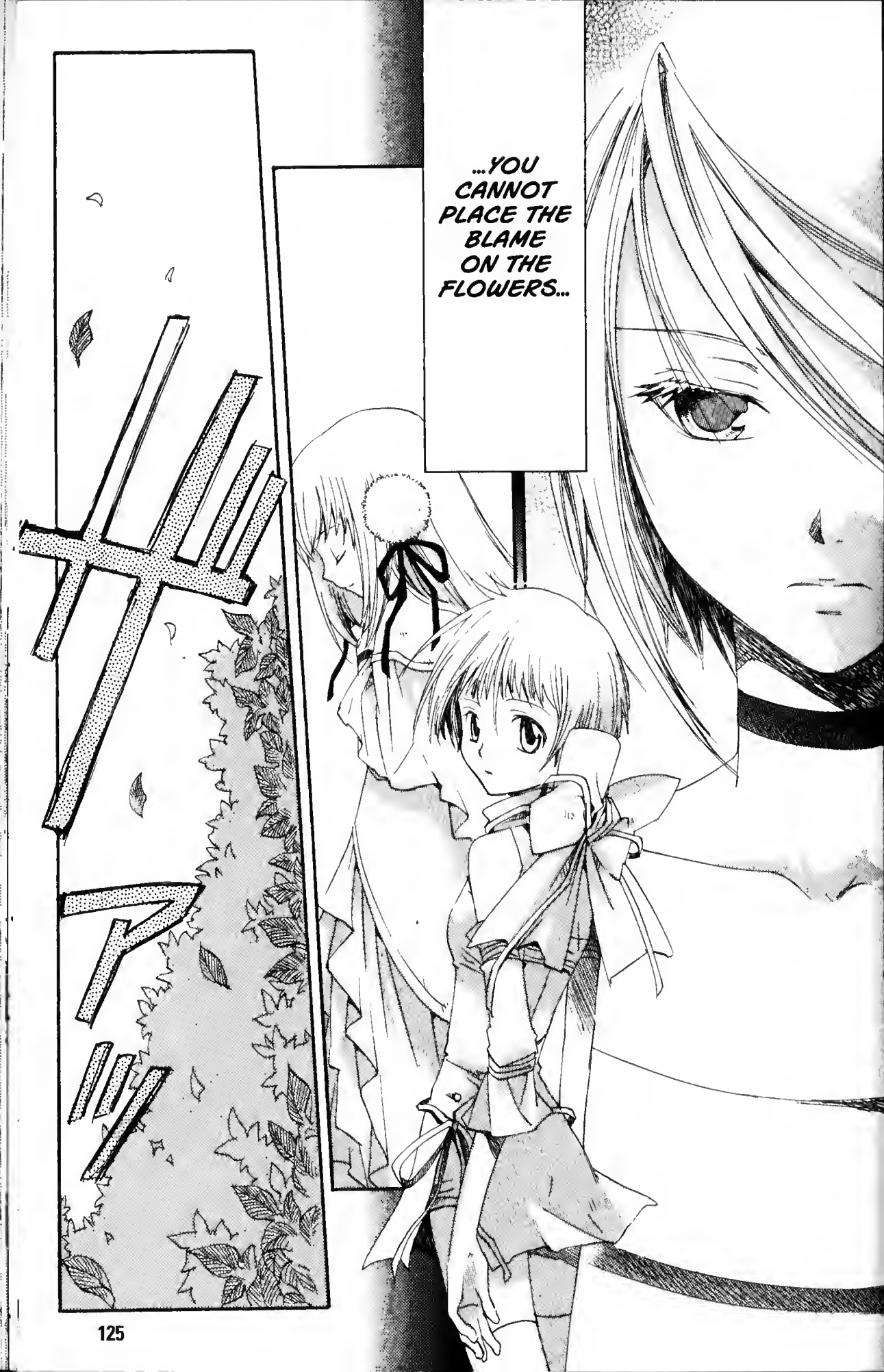

IS THERE ANY POSSIBLE WAY TO SAVE HIS LIFE?
BELBEL'S APPRENTICE...



Chapter 17
In The Mist

THAT'S RIGHT... ARAMAN..
...AMARAN-THINE!
FIRST, IT'S "AMARAN-THINE!" NOT "ARAMAN-THINE!"
YOUNG GURUJIO...
BESIDES, WE ARE FAR BETTER OFF WITHOUT DANGEROUS THINGS LIKE THE AMARAN-THINE.
DON'T BE A FOOL. NO THING OF SUCH GREAT CONVENIENCE EXISTS IN TODAY'S WORLD.
UMMM....
THEN SOMEONE LIKE MASTER COULD USE IT!
REFLECT ON IT FOR A MOMENT. WHAT IF IT WERE TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF EVIL PEOPLE?
HOW SO?
MASTER! MASTER!
I AM SO IMPRESSED WITH THE ARAMANTHINE!
THEY MAKE ALL YOUR WISHES COME TRUE! ANY WISH!
I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE AN ARAMAN-THINE!!


...YOU CANNOT PLACE THE BLAME ON THE FLOWERS...

...YOU ARE NOT AS STRONG AS YOU USED TO BE...
MY MASTER!
YOU, EITHER.
YOU THINK YOU DEFEATED ME.
BUT YOU CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT HER. FOR THAT IS ALL HER POWER NOW, NOT YOURS.
BUT I SUMMONED KEEYA...
...ALL ON MY OWN.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF ME.
WHY DID YOU SUMMON HER?
SHE IS AN "ELTURI."
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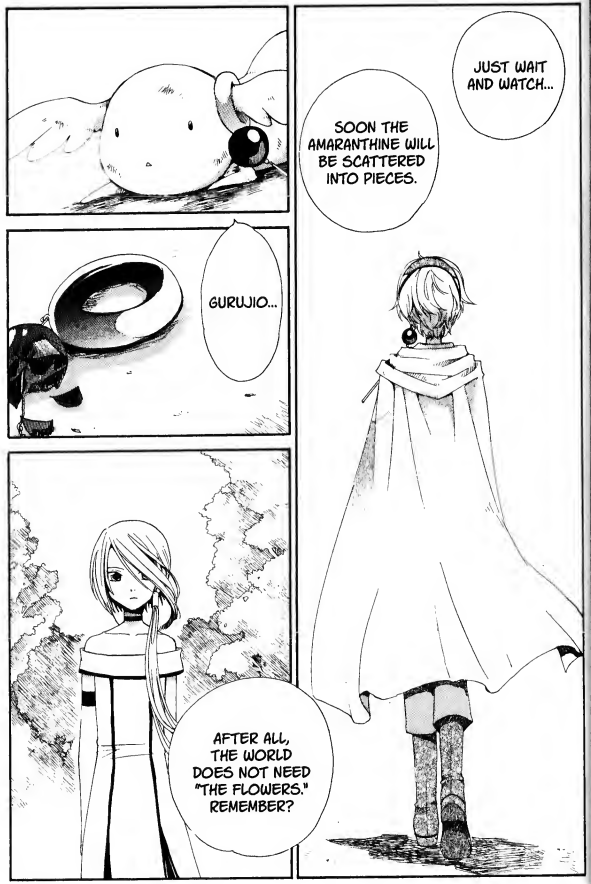
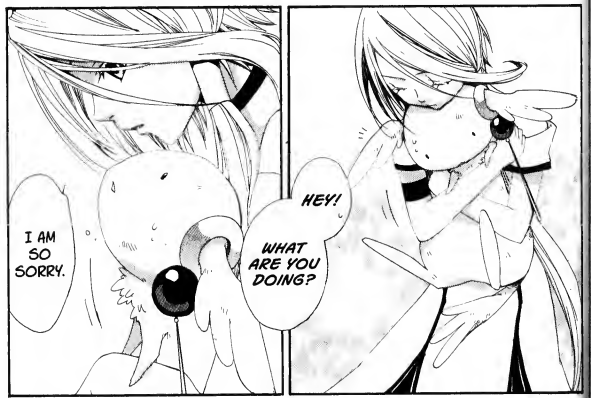
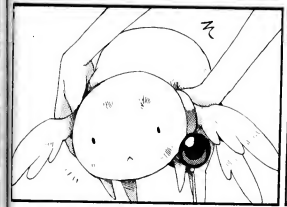

JUST WAIT AND WATCH...
SOON THE AMARANTHINE WILL BE SCATTERED INTO PIECES.
GURUJIO...
AFTER ALL, THE WORLD DOES NOT NEED "THE FLOWERS." REMEMBER?

MASTER, YOU ONCE TOLD ME NOBODY NEEDS AN AMARANTHINE.
THAT IS WHY I...
THERE IS NO NEED...
YOU DON'T HAVE...
...TO APOLOGIZE..
I AM SO SORRY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR FACE. YOUR MESSED UP FACE CAN'T CHANGE ANYWAY.
HEY, YOU DROPPED ME ON MY FACE!! YOU SHOULD PAY MORE RESPECT TO YOUR MASTER!!
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
OH WELL...

MASTER OF...
...PURPLE POL-POLA...
MIST...
PURPLE MIST IS STARTING TO HANG OVER EVERY-THING...


I AM SO SORRY.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

UNLESS YOUR OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE BOOK OF ARMANTHINE TURNS OUT TO BE FALSE.
AND I AM SURE THE MASTER OF POL-POLA AGREES.



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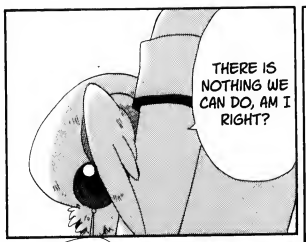
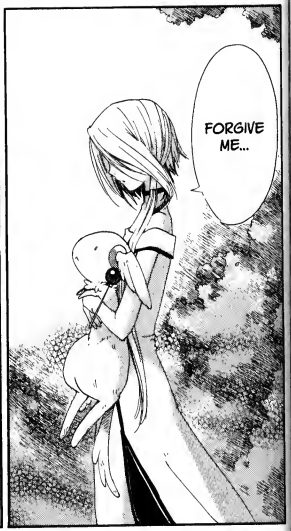
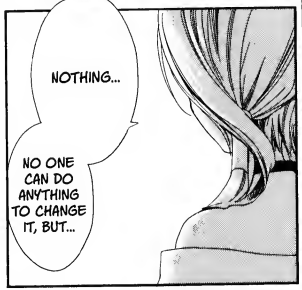
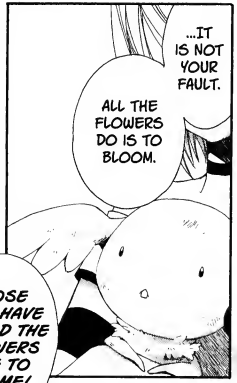
THERE....
DON'T YOU FEEL IT, TOO, MASTER?

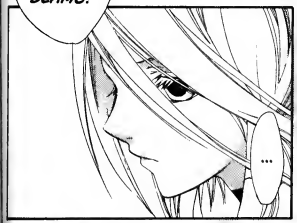
...IS HE NOT?
HE IS GOING TO DIE...


THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO, AM I RIGHT?


FORGIVE ME...


NOTHING...
NO ONE CAN DO ANYTHING TO CHANGE IT, BUT...


...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT.
ALL THE FLOWERS DO IS TO BLOOM.


THOSE WHO HAVE PICKED THE FLOWERS ARE TO BLAME!
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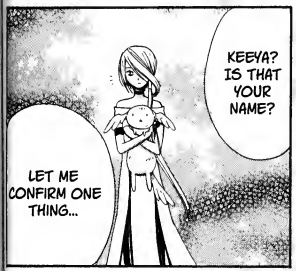
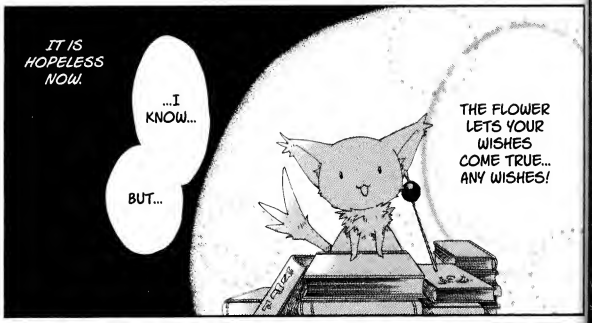

KEEYA? IS THAT YOUR NAME?
LET ME CONFIRM ONE THING...

BUT BECAUSE OF US...
...
"FLOWERS"
...

...THAT THIS WORLD, OLI-OOLU, IS GOING TO BE DESTROYED.


IT IS HOPELESS NOW.
...I KNOW...
BUT...
THE FLOWER LETS YOUR WISHES COME TRUE... ANY WISHES!

AS THEY SAY, THE DEED COMES BACK UPON THE DOER...
MY GOOD-NESS.
THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THE SITUATION...
I AM NOT THE MASTER OF KIARA SO I CAN'T USE HER POWER.
GURUJIO SHOULDN'T HAVE DEPENDED ON A FLOWER.

..IT WERE EASIER...
...TO HATE THE AMARANTHINE.
SHE IS SO AIRY-FAIRY, AND YET SHE IS THE AMARANTHINE.
STILL, I WISH..

THE ONE...
...WHO CAN CHANGE THE NATURAL FLOW OF LIFE AND DEATH.
THE ONLY WAY IS TO USE THE AMARANTHINE.

KIARA!!
WHOA!
ズ!!
I HIT MY BACK...
It hurts...
ARE YOU OKAY?
Get up.
WE ARE SAFE NOW!
...I THINK.
LOOK! WE HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE BUILDING.

DO YOU FEEL THE SAME?
MAYBE.
WOW...
EVERYTHING HERE IS PURPLE... THE GRASS, THE TREES, EVEN THE SKY...
THIS IS KIND OF SPOOKY.
IT SURE IS BEAUTIFUL BUT...
IT'S ALL SO VERY STRANGE!
GRASS AND LEAVES ARE USUALLY ALWAYS GREEN-- AND YET, HERE THEY ARE A DEEP PURPLE.

I ONLY STABBED MY FINGER...
...WITH A LEAF.
I... I'M FINE.
KIARA?!
OUCH.
HOW ODD.
THE LEAF IS SO HARD...
BE CAREFUL.
TOO LATE NOW!
OWWW!!!
DO YOU MEAN YOU GOT A SPLINTER?
STABBED?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, FUTABA?
YEP.
ONLY EVERYTHING IS SO STRANGE HERE.
ALL OF THE ROCKS FEEL LIKE CLAY.
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
DO YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO GO BACK?
I AM KIND OF WORRIED ABOUT BELBEL AND VIRID.
...
...RA...
KIARA...

WHAT?
MY MASTER'S VOICE...

HUH?
VOICE...

WHO ARE YOU?
...WHAT?
NO... WAIT... YOU ARE NOT MY MASTER.
BUT... THEN WHO ARE YOU?

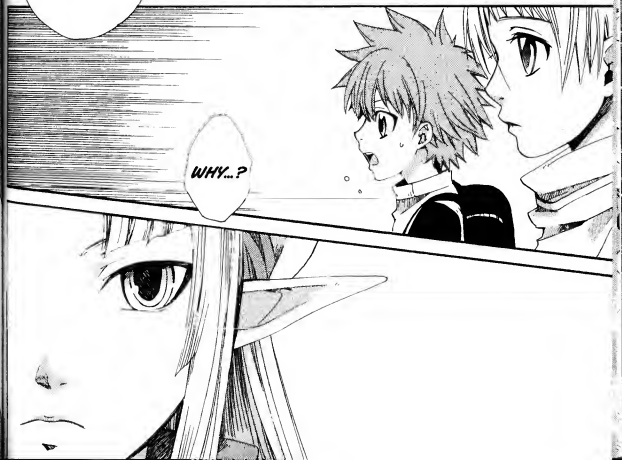
DO YOU HEAR ME?
KIARA?
DO YOU HEAR MY VOICE?

KIARA?

THOSE EYES...
OH...!
I AM THIS LAND ITSELF.
WE HAVE MET BEFORE.
MY NAME IS...
POL-POLA.

.....
I SEE...
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOUR OWN MASTER LOOKS LIKE?
NO WONDER YOU FAILED TO RECOGNIZE ME...

Chapter 18
Heart-tugging



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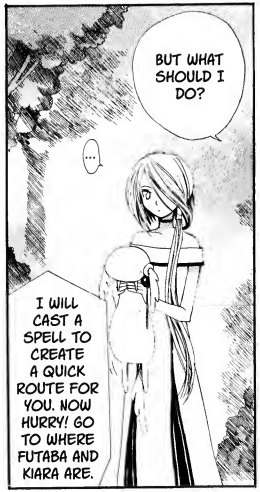
YOU LOOK PRETTY WEIRD.
SHUT UP.

RIGHT HERE.


BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...
I WILL CAST A SPELL TO CREATE A QUICK ROUTE FOR YOU. NOW HURRY! GO TO WHERE FUTABA AND KIARA ARE.

WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION! SOMETHING MOST UNEXPECTED HAS HAPPENED!
YEAH?
KIARA AND...

...FUTABA ARE NOW IN GRAVE DANGER!
GOT IT! I AM ON MY WAY TO SAVE THEM!

...OH.
...OUCH.
c l i c k

VIRID, VIRID.
——! FUTABA! I WONDER IF HE IS ALL RIGHT?

OVER HERE.
HUH?
VIRID...

I AM GOING TO BREAK UP THE EARTH BENEATH YOU, SO WATCH OUT.
HOW CAN I NOT BREATHE?
TRY TO BREATHE AS LITTLE AIR AS POSSIBLE... THIS MIST MIGHT PROVE HAZARDOUS FOR YOU.
THE MASTER OF THIS LAND REGARDS US AS HIS MORTAL ENEMIES.
WE ARE IN A LION'S DEN, SO TO SPEAK. WE ARE AT A GREAT DISADVANTAGE WHETHER WE FIGHT OR RUN.
I GUESS I WAS FAR TOO OPTIMISTIC. HERE I WAS HOPING POL-POLA WAS GOING TO ACCEPT THE AMARANTHINE...
...YES, I WAS FAR TOO OPTIMISTIC...
FORGIVE ME...
...THAT'S WHAT FUTABA MIGHT...
...SAY TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
WHAT?
...
IT'S SO NOT LIKE YOU...
ALTHOUGH WE ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE, WE STILL HAVE HOPE.
DON'T WORRY. WE CAN WORK IT OUT.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU.
HOW STRANGE...
HEY, DON'T STEP ON ME!

ARE YOU READY?
I AM GOING TO COUNT TO THREE.
THE MOMENT YOU JOIN FUTABA AND KIARA, START RUNNING.
ALL RIGHT.
ONE.
TWO...
THREE!
WHAT?!
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WHICH WAY?
.....

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STILL HAVE SUCH POWER LEFT...!
MASTER...
!
!
.....?
WHAT'S THIS?
MASTER.

WHAT...?
MASTER...

W-W-WHAT SHALL I DO?
HE IS NOT ON OUR SIDE AT ALL!
W-W-WE'VE GOT TO RUN...
...TO SOMEWHERE SAFE...!

FUTABA, LOOK OUT!
WHOA?!

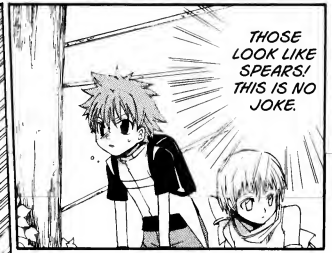
I HAVE TO CALM DOWN.
D-T-P
I NEED TO GET A GRIP.

WHAT SHALL WE DO? WE'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING...
OTHERWISE...
MY GOD.

THIS IS A CATCH-22. WE WILL BE IN DANGER WHETHER WE RUN AWAY OR NOT.
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

KIA...?

URGH!!


THOSE LOOK LIKE SPEARS! THIS IS NO JOKE.

IT'S COMING AGAIN...!

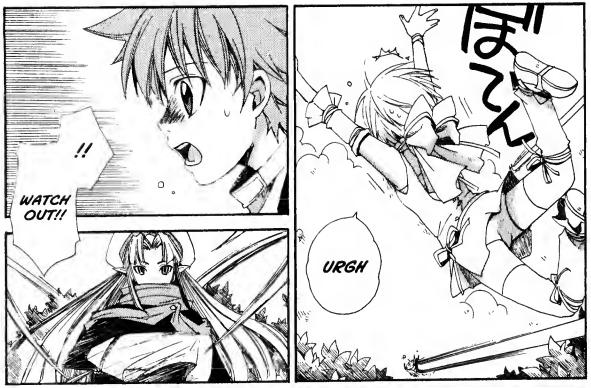
!!

...!
I GET IT...
THE LEAVES AROUND HERE ARE AS HARD AS METAL.

FUTABA, ARE YOU OKAY?
...OUCH.

KIARA!!
WAIT...
HE IS TOO DANGEROUS TO FACE, KIARA!

YOU STAY HERE, FUTABA. DON'T MOVE AN INCH.
I CAN PROBABLY DO SOME-THING...
AND IF HE IS ATTACKING WITH PLANTS ONLY...
I AM HIS ONLY TARGET...
KIARA...?
TRUST ME.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WATCH OUT!!
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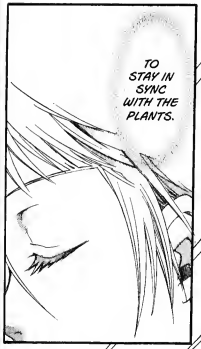
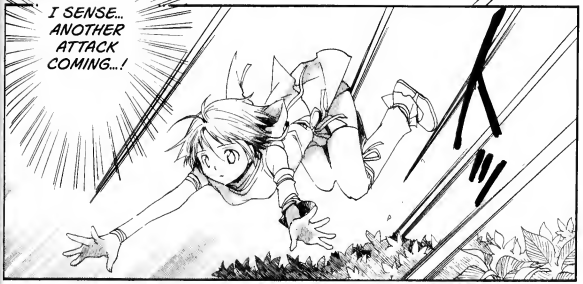
URGH

...I AM FINE.
I CAN SEE...!


TO STAY IN SYNC WITH THE PLANTS.

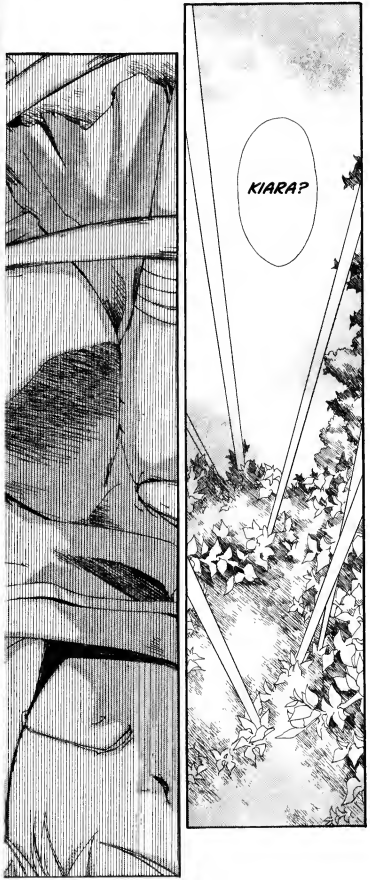
KIARA!!

I NEED TO REMAIN CALM.


I SENSE... ANOTHER ATTACK COMING...!

!
KIARA CAN SURE MOVE SO FAST.
...
BUT
...
...TO KEEP RUNNING AWAY IS A FRUITLESS EXERCISE.
I'LL LET HIM DRAW NEARER.
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE.
KIARA !!
OUCH.
I AM OKAY
...
...
FUTABA.
I AM DOING JUST FINE, FUTABA.
REMEMBER, I AM A FLOWER..
OH...
WHAT ARE THESE...?
DON'T WORRY.
KIARA !!

MASTER...
I AM CERTAIN THAT BELONG TO YOU.
...IT'S COMING!
BUT RIGHT NOW...
...I MUST PROTECT FUTABA FROM YOU.


KIARA?

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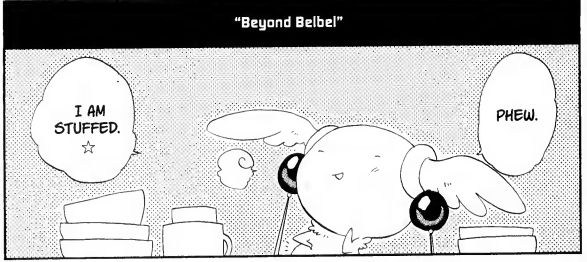
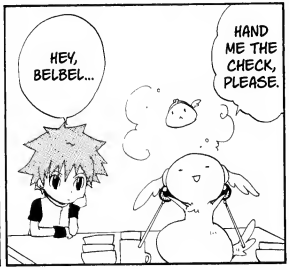
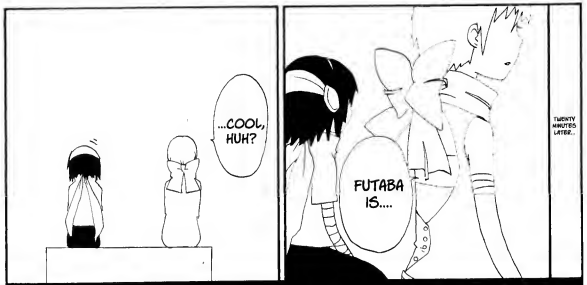
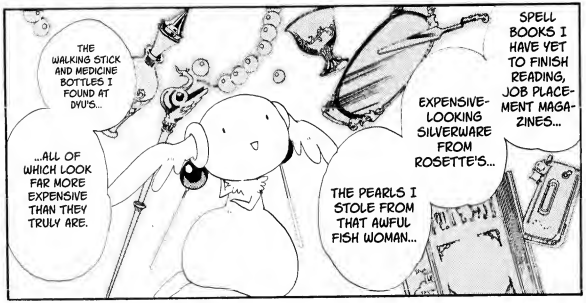




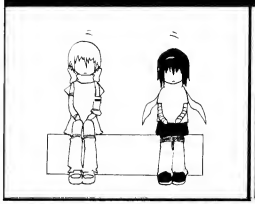


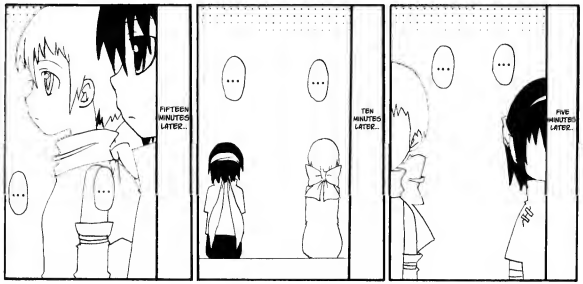
"Belbel Space"

LET'S SEE... THE CELL PHONE YOU GAVE ME...
OTHER THAN THINGS LIKE YOUR WALLET AND MAPS, WHAT ELSE DO YOU KEEP IN WHAT YOU CALL BELBEL SPACE?
LET ME ASK YOU THIS...
ONE MAP!


THE WALKING STICK AND MEDICINE BOTTLES I FOUND AT DYU'S...
...ALL OF WHICH LOOK FAR MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THEY TRULY ARE.
THE PEARLS I STOLE FROM THAT AWFUL FISH WOMAN...
EXPENSIVE-LOOKING SILVERWARE FROM ROSETTE'S...
SPELL BOOKS I HAVE YET TO FINISH READING, JOB PLACEMENT MAGAZINES...

"Common Topic"





FUTABA SHOWED ME HOW TO WRITE...
which I tried to do...
AND...
ME, TOO!
I have tried to write as well.
FUTABA IS PRETTY COOL.
"What's Inside?"
THIS IS A TYPICAL JAPANESE SCHOOL BAG CALLED "RANDO-SERU."
OH, THIS ONE?
THAT BACKPACK YOU ARE ALWAYS CARRYING...
WHAT'S INSIDE IT?

I KNEW YOU ARE GOING TO ASK ME ABOUT THAT!
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT "JOB PLACEMENT MAGAZINE..."
...
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR?
"Lively Conversation"
FUTABA TOLD ME...
I AM WHAT THEY CALL A "CHU-ICHI" IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
That makes me a first year junior high school student.
REALLY? I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM A "JOSHIKOSEI."
A female high school student.
...
...

I CALL IT THE FUTABA SPACE.
NOW YOU ARE TALKING NON-SENSE!
GOOD QUESTION!!
THE INSIDE OF THE BAG IS CONNECTED TO THE FOURTH-DIMENSIONAL WORLD, GIVING IT UNLIMITED CAPACITY.
"Futaba Space"
HMMM, LEFT OVER LUNCH, MAYBE?
Something moldy...
LET'S SEE.. TEXT-BOOKS, NOTE-BOOKS...
COME ON, WHAT'S REALLY IN IT?
AND...
PENCIL CASE, FIRST AID KIT...
FUTABA IS COOL.
STINKY

Available soon!

In the Next Volume of...

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Kick The Kitty
HAH!
TRY IT!